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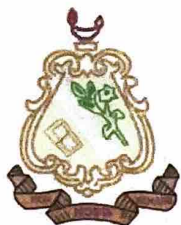
ACTION TAKEN REPORT

The minutes of the 1st IQAC meeting held on June 1, 2023, were circulated among all members prior to the meeting. The minutes were proposed by Dr. Sapna Sharma and seconded by Dr. Deepti Pajni. The committee reviewed and resolved to confirm the minutes of the 1st IQAC meeting held on June 1, 2023. It was resolved that the follow-up actions taken based on the decisions from the 1st IQAC meeting held on June 1, 2023, be noted, and approved.

Workshops/ Webinars to be organized: The House was informed that the Department of Physical Education organized a three-day national workshop on "Yoga for a Healthy Lifestyle" from June 19 to 21, 2023. Additionally, an international workshop was held on June 26, 2023, themed "Let's Move" in celebration of International Olympic Day. An International Webinar in collaboration with ministry of youth affairs and sports on "Complete well-being Physical Mental Health through Traditional Medicine and Yoga" on September 9, 2023 will be organised by Health Club under the aegis of IQAC.

Awareness exercise on Disaster Risk Mitigation and Preparedness to be organized: The House was apprised that Disaster Management Cell organized a Mock Drill on Mitigating Disaster Risk under the theme "Yuva Manthan Model G20" on August 05, 2023. A team from The Third Battalion Home guard Forces was invited to the event to demonstrate how to respond towards any disaster. They taught how to use first – aid and evacuate people during the disaster. The drill was demonstrated to 500 students, teaching and non-teaching staff of the college. The students were taught different techniques of evacuation and they learned how to use fire extinguishers, types of fire, types of fire extinguishers, disasters, injuries and evacuation.

Strategies to Increase Student Enrolment: To attract more students, the faculty members visited nearby schools and showcased their departments through engaging PowerPoint presentations. The college also organized competitions for school students, such as a declamation contest. Additionally, the students were introduced to the facilities available at St. Bede's, effectively promoting the college to potential future students. An inter- school declamation competition is to be organised on the topic "Youth in Legislature Policy making and Governance" (Y20) on 27th September, 2023. The event shall attract participation from five schools of Shimla i.e. GSSS Portmore, DAV Lakkar Bazar School, Convent of Jesus and Mary School, Auckland House School and GSSS, Sanjauli.



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Activities to be done Under MOU with Sophia College, Ajmer: The House was informed about a signed MOU with Sophia College, Ajmer, and St. Bede's College, leading to a student and staff exchange program. Dr. Shilpi Yadav, Mr. Kumar Gaurav, and Mr. Anoop Diltia delivered lectures. On October 20 and 21, 2023, students visited Tilonia Barefoot College and other locations in Ajmer, conducting field surveys on rural livelihood diversification. They also toured Pushkar, the Brahma Temple, Ajmer Sharif Dargah, Jaipur, and Amer village, enhancing their research skills by collecting primary data and mapping spatial problems.

Encouraging Research Aptitude among Staff and Students: To foster research aptitude among staff and students, proposals will be submitted to various funding agencies and teachers worked towards by it writing proposals. Finally, St. Bede's College has been awarded the "CURIE Core Grant for Women PG Colleges" for a period of three years. The Department of Botany will utilize this grant to enhance their research initiatives and Dr. Preeti Kaundal is the coordinator of this project.

Preparation for the NAAC cycle 4: The IQAC Coordinator provided an overview of the SOP, detailing the criteria-specific requirements for the submission of the AQAR. These guidelines necessitate updates to website content and features to ensure data availability and transparency. She proposed organizing sessions with the criteria in-charges to discuss the inclusion and implementation of the SOP.

Introduction of Add-on courses: St. Bede's College has signed an MOU with Centre of Excellence for Multidisciplinary Research Technoledge Eduresearch Pvt. Ltd on May 18, 2023. Since July 2023 onwards six add-on courses for students have been introduced over two semesters. The courses include Web Designing, Advanced Excel, Digital Marketing, Power BI, and Python Programming.

Upgradation of College Infrastructure Underway: The college's physical infrastructure is currently being renovated- new ramps have been constructed, making nearly all blocks accessible, the courtyard has been redesigned and Language Laboratory has been upgraded with digital linguistic mentor software. The building roofs have also been renovated, and solar panels have been installed. Ongoing projects include the renovation of washrooms and the construction of a new reception area.


Coordinator, IQAC


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